

# THE BEAT

### Department Prepares for National Night Out

Howard County police officers and residents are joining forces August 2 in an effort to fight back against crime. The 22nd annual *National Night Out*, being observed by communities around the nation, is intended to generate participation and support for local crime prevention activities. The police department has worked to heighten awareness and strengthen community spirit by helping residents organize neighborhood block parties throughout the county.

"Community participation is essential in fighting crime," said Howard County Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay. "We always need the support and assistance of local residents to prevent problems before they start. National Night Out sends a clear message to criminals that their own neighbors may be keeping an eye on them."

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North Laurel, Long Reach, Oakland Mills and Harper's Choice. These special parties, planned to kick-off at 6 p.m., will include music, food and many neighborhood participants.

"The response from our citizens for this event is always overwhelming," said Chief Livesay. "National Night Out may last for only one evening, but the partnership between Howard County residents and our officers is an ongoing collaborative effort."

For more information about National Night Out and neighborhood block party locations, residents can call the Howard County Police Office of Public Affairs at (410) 313-3020. *By Sherry Llewellyn*



*Children in the community celebrated National Night Out in 2004.*



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#### Howard County Department of Police *Mission Statement*

It is the mission of the Howard County Department of Police to provide a sense of security for the people by protecting life and property, reducing the opportunity for crime and disorder, enforcing the law, assisting victims and providing other police-related services as required by the community in a manner consistent with the values of a free society. The Department embraces the tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police—the police being members of the public who devote full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen.

## Message from the Chief by Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay

Summer is upon us, which means that things tend to get busy here at the police department. But as busy as the summer can be, it is also a time to try to do the things we enjoy and spend more time with family and friends.

I hope all of you will make time for those things this summer. We will do our very best to approve as much leave as possible without compromising staffing. This can be a challenging time for our staff and I am grateful for all that our members do during these busy months.

Summer is also the time for our National Night Out celebration (*see cover story*). National Night Out is a collaborative effort between the police department and

Howard County citizens to fight crime and drugs in our neighborhoods.

We have invited communities throughout the county to hold block parties and other events August 2. I encourage all of our members to be involved in this event— participation by officers is critical. Check with the Office of Public Affairs for a list of planned events and locations as the date gets closer.

Enjoy the good weather this month and any vacations you may have planned. I hope it will be a great summer for all of you and your families.

## Governor's Award Nominations Being Accepted

Each year, the Governor's Crime Prevention Awards recognize individuals and groups that have made outstanding efforts in the area of crime prevention. The awards recognize proactive crime prevention efforts and outstanding community-based anti-crime strategies. Last year 11 programs or individuals were recognized for their efforts. Officers of every rank are encouraged to nominate a program, group, or individual who has made a difference in the fight against crime. The deadline for submission this year is July 12. Submissions should be directed to the Northern District Patrol office.

## Richardson Named President of Police Foundation

The president's gavel was passed recently at a meeting of the Howard County Police Foundation. The group's new leader, Donna Richardson, officially took office May 10 and will serve a two-year term.



*Donna Richardson, new President of the Police Foundation*

Richardson, who serves as the government & public affairs manager for Comcast, follows outgoing president Mike Russo, who will remain an active member of the Foundation.

In addition to her new role as Foundation president, Richardson also serves as a board member for the March of Dimes and the Columbia Festival of the Arts. She also is the former chair of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce. In 2004, the Daily Record named Richardson one of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

The Howard County Police Foundation is comprised of local business leaders who provide assistance to the police department by sharing business and management expertise. The group provides funding for the annual Bear Trax youth programs, manages a scholarship fund and provides resources for special projects. The Foundation also sponsors the annual Howard County Police Pace to raise money for the families of fallen officers. *By Sherry Llewellyn*

## Fake ID Law Has Broad Applications

When a new law passed in October making it illegal to possess or use a fake ID, the impact of the bill may have been much broader than expected. The new law not only impacts underage drinking and crimes associated with age restrictions, it addresses homeland security issues and identity theft crimes as well. Prior to the passage of this law, officers were limited to traffic or civil citations when a person was in possession of fictitious or fraudulent driver's license. Now, an officer has the option of issuing a criminal citation or arresting someone with a fake ID.

### Homeland Security

In the wake of September 11, homeland security concerns involving fake IDs have been heightened. The use of fraudulent identification and government documentation allows illegal aliens to go undetected in our country. Many use fake birth certificates, social security cards, work visas and other government documents to obtain jobs and open bank accounts, and could be used to purchase items that pose a threat to our country, including firearms.



*Fake IDs that have been confiscated by Howard County police officers.*

### U.S. Immigration

It is estimated that there are about 10.3 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S., either here without documentation, on expired visas or those who have violated terms of a prior admission. Within that 10.3 million, 80,000 illegal aliens are criminals, including convicted murderers, rapists and drug dealers who are hiding in the United States from immigration authorities. The new law gives law enforcement the power to arrest when confronting a person who is in possession of false documents.

### Identity Fraud

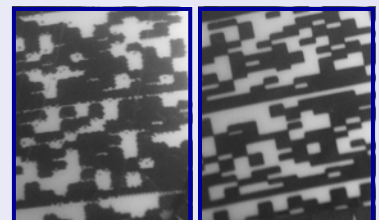
The use of fraudulent driver's licenses, social security cards and other forms of identification also facilitate consumer fraud and make it easy to commit crimes against identity theft victims. In 2004, the Federal Trade Commission ranked Maryland 13th out of 50 states in the number of victims of identity theft, according to the Identity Theft Clearinghouse. Most often, these are cases of credit card and phone or utilities fraud. The opening of fraudulent new accounts comprise nearly 50 percent of all identity theft crimes in Maryland.

The new law, CR8-303, prohibits the possession, displaying or lending of fictitious or fraudulently altered identification documents to include all passports, immigration visas, alien registration cards, employment authorization cards, birth certificates, social security cards, military identification, driver's licenses, marriage licenses, photo identification cards and adoption decrees. The violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable by 60 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine. *By PFC David Proulx*

## Recognizing a Fake Maryland ID

Maryland's MVA has integrated several safety devices into the state driver's license. These features include ultraviolet and micro-printing security measures, as well as bar coding. When in doubt, officers should consider using their own driver's licenses as a good resource for detailed comparison.

*Maryland license bar code, under magnification. The one on the right is real; the one on the left is from a fake ID.*





## Howard County Police Officer of the Month



**Police Officer  
Ronald Mabe  
April 2005**

Officer Ronald Mabe has been selected as Police Officer of the Month for April 2005. Officer Mabe, who is currently assigned to Platoon 2, Adam area, is being recognized for several significant criminal arrests, as well as his dedication to traffic enforcement and the Chiefs' Challenge.

In one significant incident, Officer Mabe responded to a report of disorderly subjects on Town & Country Blvd. After locating several of the involved juveniles, Officer Mabe was able to determine that three of the juveniles were also run-aways. He gathered information and began delving into the possibility that the subjects were involved in a strong-arm robbery that occurred earlier in the day. Officer Mabe interviewed the subjects and eventually linked them to the robbery, effectively closing out a case that may have otherwise taken months to solve. Officer Mabe was involved in two other significant

incidents in April, which included the seizure of drugs, cash and handguns. In the first case, Officer Mabe responded to a motel after being advised that a suspect had threatened a resident with a handgun. Officer Mabe was able to determine where the suspect was going and directed patrol units to the area. A search of the suspect's vehicle resulted in the seizure of drugs and a handgun.

In the second incident, Officer Mabe noted an equipment violation on the vehicle of a known drug user. After observing a concealed knife in the car, Officer Mabe conducted a search that resulted in the seizure of a handgun and large amounts of cash.

Officer Mabe is not only skilled in making criminal arrests, but is dedicated to traffic enforcement and the Chiefs' Challenge program as well. He made more than 100 traffic stops in April and made five DUI arrests. He led his squad in the number of citations issued for the Chiefs' Challenge.

Officer Mabe's high performance level and enthusiasm are two characteristics for which he is recognized by his supervisors. Congratulations!

## Howard County Officers Carry Torch

*By Lt. John Newnan, Maryland*

Torch Run Relay week was an outstanding success both here at the Howard County Police Department and all over the state.

On Monday, June 13, the "Flame of Hope" began its journey to the Special Olympics Summer Games. Along the way, it was protected by guardians of the flame from police and corrections agencies from every corner of our state. More than 2,500 officers were involved in the relays.

The Howard County leg of the Torch Run took place Thursday, June 16, with more than 25 members of the police department running in the 11-mile stretch on Rt. 1 from Laurel to Elkridge. Six Special Olympics athletes participated in our Torch Run, including Steve Miller who ran the entire 11 miles, without stopping! After the run, all of the participants returned to Rockburn Park for a picnic lunch.



*Members of the HCPD Torch Run team run with Special Olympics athletes.*

## Chief's Challenge Update: The Numbers Are In



*In Howard County, if you didn't click it, you may have gotten a ticket!*

**Congratulations for a job well done!** The Howard County Police Department obtained the highest seat belt compliance rate in history—97 percent—through their efforts during the Chiefs' Challenge seatbelt initiative. Officers were on the roads enforcing seat belt and child safety seat laws, in the schools educating youth about the importance of seat belt use and at safety seat checkpoints, teaching parents how to safely secure their children in their vehicles.

The Chiefs' Challenge, a nationwide effort to increase seatbelt usage and save lives, began on April 5 and concluded June 5. Maryland set a goal to obtain an overall 90 percent seatbelt compliance rate, which would save an estimated 74 lives per year in the state. Howard County not only met this state standard, but far exceeded it by obtaining a 97 percent compliance rate.

**Howard County police officers obtained a 97 percent seatbelt compliance rate and issued more than 5,400 seatbelt citations during the Chiefs' Challenge Initiative.**

The Traffic Enforcement Section will submit Howard County's enforcement efforts to the Chiefs' Challenge judges in July. Awards are issued to agencies that meet a 100-point requirement list, which is based on citations, school programs, safety seat checks and other enforcement activities. Howard County has received the award every year since 1991, with only one exception.

This year, Howard County police issued a total of 5,413 seatbelt citations, up from 5,261 in 2004. Officers Bill Vogel and Harold Tolbert issued the most citations in their districts. *By PFC Jennifer Reidy*

## Search for Special Olympics Athletes and Torch Run Coordinator

On Friday evening June 17, the final leg of the Torch Run took place in downtown Towson. More than 250 police officers from around the state took part in this run onto the campus of Towson University, where the opening ceremonies for the 2005 Special Olympics Summer Games began.

At the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, the lights were turned off at Johnny Unitas Stadium and the final leg runners ran onto the track, led by 24 police motorcycles with lights flashing and sirens wailing. The Flame of Hope was delivered safely to a Special Olympics athlete, who bounded up the steps of the stadium and lit the cauldron, signifying the opening of the Summer Games. At that very moment, a spectacular fireworks display began that would put any 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration to shame!

Throughout the weekend at the Summer Games, Special Olympics athletes and parents alike came up to the officers presenting medals and thanked them repeatedly for everything they do to support Special Olympics. What we do in our Torch Run fundraising and awareness efforts has an immediate impact on the lives of so many—not just the athletes, but also on the police officers who work so hard to help our deserving citizens with intellectual disabilities.

On behalf of the 10,000 athletes in Maryland who benefit from the miracles of Special Olympics because of your support, thank you.

## HCPD FIT: Cholesterol Screening



HCPD FIT hosted its first annual cholesterol screening June 15 for all police department personnel. Howard County General Hospital's Wellness Center presented the screening in the Northern District Community Room. This was a voluntary screening open to all employees, civilian and sworn, and 54 members took part. The results were confidential and hand-delivered to members in a sealed envelope. The overall results were as follows:

**Lowest Cholesterol Level: 101**

**Highest Cholesterol Level: 307**

**Average Cholesterol Level: 200**

High cholesterol can lead to heart disease and stroke—America's number one and number three killers. Even though high cholesterol is easily prevented and treated, half of all Americans still have levels that are too high (over 200). If your levels are outside the recommended range, please share your results with your physician so together you can develop a plan of care which promotes optimal health. *By PFC Vic Selvaggi*

## Howard County Mourns Loss of PG County Officer

On June 25, Prince George's County Police Sergeant Steve Gaughan was buried with full police honors after being killed in the line of duty. The Howard County Police Department's Honor Guard and several additional Howard County police officers were there to pay respect to the life Sgt. Gaughan gave while protecting the citizens of Maryland. This department thanks and recognizes those who were able to attend: Major Bill McMahon, Capt. Merritt Bender, Capt. Sandra Regler, Capt. Tara Nelson, Capt. Kevin Burnett, Lt. Bob Castor, Sgt. Norm Snyder, Sgt. Pete Moskala, Sgt. Steve Lampe, Sgt. Matt Robine, Cpl. Tim Wiley, Cpl. Gordon Carpenter, Cpl. Tyrone Queen, Cpl. Matt Tanis, PFC Dave Abuelhawa, PFC John Jacobs, PFC Cory Jefferson, PFC Kenneth Joubert, PFC Bryce Buell, PFC Todd McGill, PFC Stacy McDaniel, PFC Bill Block, PFC Edward Upton, PFC Clay Davis, PPO Rafeh Shams, PPO Jason Eskra, PPO Sarah Kayser and PPO Jason Morrill.

## Chaplain's Corner

The Howard County Chaplains were established 12 years ago to assist the men and women of the police department with their personal and professional needs. Over the years, officers have called upon HCPD's chaplains for assistance with marriages, funerals, death notifications and pastoral counseling.

The chaplains are on call every day, around the clock, to help officers with any situation, great or small. On the job, the chaplains can respond to scenes to assist with grief counseling in highly emotional events, such as a death notification, allowing officers to continue with their duties. Off-duty, chaplains are always available to counsel and help during stressful times, or to assist in a joyous wedding ceremony.

Feel free to contact the chaplains anytime if you feel they could provide some assistance.

<b>Rev. Lisa Blake,</b> Baptist Minister	410-313-0091
<b>Rev. John T. Smith,</b> Methodist Minister	410-313-0290
<b>Rev. Martin Eppard,</b> Episcopal Minister	410-313-0424
<b>Fr. Martin Burnham,</b> Roman Catholic Priest	410-313-0143
<b>Rabbi Hillel Baron,</b> Jewish Rabbi	410-313-0136
<b>Rev. Jerry Hoots,</b> Baptist Minister	410-313-0965
<b>Fr. Michael Clancy,</b> Episcopal Orthodox Minister	443-691-8942
<b>Dcn. Larry Teixeira,</b> Roman Catholic Deacon	410-313-0415

## Retirees' Beat from Lt. Timothy Branning, Retired, HCPD

The Retired Officers Association picnic was held on Sunday, June 12 at the Hinkle Farm in Fulton. A good time was had by all. **JP** and **Dee Swing** were there, as were **Jack** and **Mary Burke**. **Denny Laumann**, **Al Hafner**, and **Wayne Souder** showed up, as did **Dave** and **Ann Miller**. **Don Cook** came up from South Carolina to join us. **Tommy** and **Lynn Watkins** were in attendance, as were **Bob** and **Ann Reid**. Much to our pleasure and surprise, retired Sergeant **Greg Hammond** arrived. Greg has been out of the area for a number of years. **Terry Chaney** brought his boys, **Curt** and **Brooks**, and both made good use of the pool. **Carolyn** and **I** were there along with **Woody** and **Debbie Rush**. At our invitation, retired MSP Sergeant **Pete Edge** stopped by and enjoyed time reminiscing with us. Once again, **Jimmy** and **Barb Dawson** did a great job of putting the picnic together. Our thanks to **Bill Hinkle** for allowing us the use of the farm.

The fourth Annual Retired Officers Association Golf Tournament took place on June 13. After a one-year stint in Frederick, the event returned to Rattlewood Golf Course in Mount Airy. Mother nature cooperated with sunshine and nice temperatures as 124 golfers participated in the "best ball" event. The foursome, headed by our own **J.D. Dawson**, won the prize for low gross score. **Phil Hinkle**, **Eddie Hinkle**, and **Joe Wood** rounded out the winning foursome. Tee time was preceded by a great buffet breakfast. **Woody**, **Rick McCauley**, and **Wayne Souder** handled dogs and drinks on the turn. **Jack** and **Mary Burke** monitored the hole-in-one contest, while **Howard Cogle** came up from his new home on the Eastern Shore to provide moral support. Tournament director **Bob Reid** announced the winning scores and handed out door prizes during lunch after the 18-hole round.

Congratulations to **Kristen Cook**, daughter of retired Officer **Don Cook** on her recent graduation from Francis Marian University, Florence. Kristen, who majored in sociology with a minor in business, is working for a defense contractor in the Charleston area. Don, who retired from HCPD in 1993, continues his work as a corporal with the North Charleston Police Department in South Carolina.

As mentioned above, **Greg Hammond** made an appearance at the Association picnic. Greg looks great, not changing very much since I last saw him more than five years ago. Greg retired as a sergeant in 1991. Greg is living in Salisbury, North Carolina, where he dabbles in antiques and collectibles. Greg's son, **Bobbie**, after several tours in the Mideast with the military, is now a recruit firefighter in the Anne Arundel County Fire Academy.

Get well wishes to **Barb Dawson** after her recent surgery. Get well regards to **Debbie Rush**, who is back on crutches with a lingering foot problem.

Belated congratulations to first time grandparents **Dave** and **Ann Miller**. **Jared Michael Miller** was born back in December of 2004. Dave is a corporal with the Howard County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Landlord/Tenant Section.

**Terry Read** has officially moved to South Carolina. Terry is living in the Murrell's Inlet area near Jim and Barb Dawson's new home. Terry joins the **Dawson's**, **Chiuchiolo's**, **Porters**, **Belding's**, **Becker's**, and **Don Cook** as residents of South Carolina.

## New Arrivals to the HCPD Family

PFC Sudi Baran and Ret. PFC Joe Baran are the proud parents of a healthy baby boy. **Ethan David** was delivered on June 10 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 1 oz. All are doing well.

Victor Broccolino and his wife Tracy are the new proud parents of a baby girl, **Catarina Breana**. She was born on June 21 and weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. Congratulations!





# Department Hosts Bear Trax Camps

The Youth Services Section of the police department will host two Bear Trax camps in July. The day camp, which will take place from July 5- 8, will include a variety of events for approximately 30 specially selected students from Stevens Forest and Talbot Springs Elementary Schools.



*PFC Della Myers with several of the 2004 campers.*

The day-campers will enjoy swimming, sailing and rock climbing and will travel to Port Discovery and the Catocin Mountain Zoo. The camp will

conclude at Centennial Park on Fri., July 8 with a scavenger hunt, games and a cookout.

The overnight camp will be held from July 25-29 at Camp Hashawha in Carroll County. Campers will engage in a variety of day and nighttime activities, including swimming and canoeing, and will visit Cascade Lake and Hershey Park.

Anyone wishing to assist with the camps should contact the Youth Services Section at 410-313-2620. *By PFC Jennifer Reidy*



*A k-9 demonstration is one of many events held during the camps. The camps not only provide fun games and friendly interaction, but teach youths about the Police Department and its functions.*



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